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ON HOST GOVERNMENT - UAE

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1. PER REFTEL A, WE HAVE REVIEWED OUR PREVIOUS REPORTING ON
HOST COUNTRY ATTITUDES AND OBJECTIVES IN MULTILATERAL FORA AND
UAE APPROACH TO MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY GENERALLY. WE CON-
TINUE TO CONSIDER THAT, WITH ADDITION OF COMMENTS IN FOLLOW-
ING PARAGRAPHS, INFORMATION PROVIDED IN REFTELS C AND D CON-
TINUES TO BE GENERALLY VALID.

2. IN ADDITION TO CONTINUING PREOCCUPATION OF UAEG WITH
ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUES AND OPEC/ENERGY RELATED ITEMS, THERE IS
GROWING IF STILL RELATIVELY MODEST INTEREST IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN
ISSUES. UAEG CONTRIBUTES TO VARIOUS ARAB-AFRICAN
FUNDS, INCLUDING TO OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE WHICH
BANKROLLS ZIMBABWEAN AND CERTAIN OTHER SOUTHERN AFRI-
CAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS. THERE IS AN EVEN GREATER
IMMEDIATE INTEREST RIGHT NOW IN THE HORN OF AFRICA.
IN SUCH MATTERS UAE MOST UNLIKELY TO TAKE PROMINENT
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MUCH LESS LEAD ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL FORA AND WILL BY AND
LARGE CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY CONSENSUS OF ARAB AND
AFRICAN MAJORITIES IN FORMULATING POLICIES OF AFRICAN
ISSUES. STILL, THERE DOES SEEM TO BE AN INCREASED
AWARENESS HERE OF THE COMPLEXITY OF AFRICAN ISSUES.
WE ARE SEEKING TO DO MORE TO ENCOURAGE UAE FOREIGN
POLICY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THEM WITH US IN HOPES THIS

WILL HELP STRENGTHEN THEIR OWN INNATE PREFERENCE FOR TAKING MODERATE POSITIONS WITHIN THIRD WORLD CIRCLES.

3. AS INDICATED REFTEL D, UAE VIEWS ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES CONTINUE TO BE INFLUENCED PRIMARILY BY CONSENSUS WITHIN ARAB CAUCUS. HOWEVER, WITHIN THIS CAUCUS (AS WELL AS WITHIN OPEC AND OAPEC ON OIL ISSUES) UAE HAS IN PAST YEAR COME TO ALIGN ITSELF MOST CLOSELY WITH SAUDI ARABIA. THIS ALIGNMENT MOST EVIDENT IN UAE DECISION TO BUCK MAJORITY WITHIN OPEC AND TO FOLLOW SAUDI POSITION ON OIL PRICE HIKES AT DECEMBER 1976 DOHA CONFERENCE. WE CANNOT BE SURE THAT SAUDI AND UAE POSITIONS WITHIN THE ARAB CAUCUS WILL ALWAYS COINCIDE BUT THE EVENTS OF THE PAST EIGHT MONTHS SUGGEST THAT WHERE SAUDIS GO UAE IS LIKELY TO FOLLOW, EVEN IF THIS RESULTS FOR A TIME IN AN UNCOMFORTABLE DEGREE OF ISOLATION FROM ARAB MAINSTREAM. CONVERSELY, IT SEEMS DOUBTFUL THAT UAE DIPLOMATS WOULD STAKE OUT POSITION IN ARAB CAUCUS THAT PUTS THEM SQUARELY IN OPPOSITION TO SAUDIS ON ANY ISSUES ABOUT WHICH LATTER FEEL IN ANY WAY STRONGLY.

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